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MINUTES

Of The

41st Annual Session

Of The

Primitive Baptist Association

Convened With

Roaring River Church,

Wilkes County, N. C.

October 22-23, 1909

Moderator, Elder J. M. Owens, Hays, N. C.
Secretary and Treasurer, L. D. Lowe, Traphill, N. C.

The next session will convene with Round Mountain Church, eight miles east of Wilkesboro, N. C., commencing on Friday before the fourth Lord's Day in October, 1910. Eld. William Walker to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. O. Wood, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 1909.

Introductory service, Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Prayer offered by Eld. A. McKnight. Sermon by Eld. Wm. Miles, text, St. John, 19:36, "My Kingdom is not of this World." Adjournment 20 minutes. The delegates reassembled in the church. Opening services, song, "Brethren, we have met again." Prayer offered by Eld. F. M. Osborn.

Called for Associational letters when 13 were handed in and read and the delegates seated.

On motion invited newly constituted churches of our faith and order to unite with us. No one accepted.

On motion elected officers by private ballot and appointed Elders A. McKnight, W. A. J. Fowlkes and F. M. Osborn tellers who reported Eld. J. M. Owens, Moderator and L. D. Lowe, Secretary. Report received and brethren discharged.

On motion invited correspondents of our faith and order when Elder W. A. J. Fowlkes, Elder M. C. Powers and Bro. Avery Powers from the Mt. Union Association, Blue Ridge reported by letter. Elders A. McKnight, W. M. Andrews, F. M. Osborn, E. A. Long and Bros. Wyly Combs, S. M. Edwards and W. R. Bauguss from Little River accepted seats, and Eld. W. F. Gregory from Mitchels River.

On motion invited transients and visitors of our faith and order when Joseph Powers from Mt. Union Association accepted seat.

On motion authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

The following committees were appointed: On ministry—T. P. Hanks, A. Felts and R. M. Huie with the delegates of this church who reported for tomorrow, 1st, Elder E. A. Long, 2nd, Elder F. M. Osborn, 3rd, Eld. M. C. Powers.

Finance—F. M. Adams, C. E. Dimmette, and W. A. Adams.

Arrangements—A. Caudill, Wm. McGrady, H. E. Harrald, J. M Brown, W. R. Handy and invited Moderator, Secretary and correspondents to sit with committee of arrangements.

Sabbath Schools—H. H. Jennings, H A. Adams and Wm. Cothren.

Resolutions—J. W. Brooks, R. C. Cothren and Pate Wood.

Temperance—W. L. Wyatt, G. W. Brown and G. W. Miles.

Obituaries—The Clerks of the churches.

Appointed C. L. Cheek to write a corresponding letter to the Mt. Union Association, G. W. Brown to the Blue Ridge, H. H. Jennings to the Little River, F M. Adams to Mitchels River and have said letters ready for inspection to-morrow.

On motion adjourned till 9:30 A. M. tomorrow; song, "Amazing Grace, etc." Prayer by the Moderator. Benediction by A. McKnight.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23rd, 1909.

Met persuant to adjournment of yesterday. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercise.

Called on committee on Arrangements to report who reported and were discharged.

Agreed to dispose of items as they appear on bill of arrangements.

Read the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

Extended an invitation to transients and visitors of same faith and order. No one accepted.

Called roll of delegates and marked absentees.

Read and received minutes of yesterday.

Called on Committee on Sabbath Schools to report, who reported, viz:

"We advise all the churches in our bounds to organize Sunday Schools for the purpose of teaching the Word of God." We also advise parents to go with children and encourage the work for we believe it to be a good help to the worship of God.

H. H. Jennings,
W. H. Cothren,
H. A. Adams,
Committee

Report received and committee discharged.

Called on Committee on Resolutions to report, who reported viz:

That we ask our churches to earnestly contend for the Faith once delivered to the Saints. 2nd; That our ministers visit the different churches in our bounds as often as possible and strictly adhere to the teachings of God's Word. 3rd, That churches look after and aid scriptural objects of charity. 4th. That we strictly adhere to the word order. 5th, That we return our thanks to the brethren and sisters of this community for their kind hospitality shown us during this session.

L. Wood,
R. C. Cothren,
J. W. Brooks,
Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

Called on Committee on Ministry to report, who reported for tomorrow, viz:

Devotional exercises by Elder Eli Sabastian. First sermon by Elder W. A. J. Fowlkes, second sermon by Elder G. W. Miles, third sermon by Elder A. McKnight.

Report received and Committee discharged.

Called on Committee on Temperance to report, who reported, viz:

We suggest that our ministers teach and preach temperance and urge our layety to adhere to this Bible teaching and deal with any member who may persistently drink to excess.

W. L. Wyatt,
G. W. Brown,
G. W. Miles,
Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

Called on Committee on Finance to report, who reported received from the different churches $14.60.

Report received and committee discharged.

Called on those appointed to write corresponding letters letters read and received and brethren discharged.

Called on Correspondents to report when those appointed to visit sister Associations failed. After rendering reasonable excuse were excused.

Appointed correspondents to sister Association, viz:

To Mt. Union, 3 miles north of Creston, Ashe County, A. Caudill, J. M. Brown, and J. W Brooks; to the Blue Ridge, H. E. Harrold, R. M. Huie, G. G. Ellege; to Little River Association at Pleasant Grove Church, G. W. Brown; W. R. Handy, H. A. Adams, G. W. Miles, J. W. Brooks, J. A. Robertson; to Mitchels River at Center View Church, 2 miles below Dobson, J. W. Byrd, Eli Sebastian and J. O. Wood.

Called for Obituaries to be spread on these minutes when eight were reported and ordered printed.

Appointed L. D. Lowe Treasurer and that he superintend the printing and distribution of 500 copies of these minutes and allow him $4.00 for his services.

Authorized the Treasurer to hand to the Moderator the residue of the minute fund after the Secretary and printers are paid.

By request we submit the following preamble, viz:

We are willing for our members to visit any denomidation who will endorse our principles, practice our doctrine and aid if they see proper in carrying out any gospel ordinance, and what we grant to our people we are willing to extend to others.

Appointed our next session to convene with Round Mountain church eight miles east of Wilkesboro, N. C., commencing on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in Oct. 1910. Elder William Walker to preach introductory sermon, Elder J. O. Wood, alternate.

On motion dispensed with reading of minutes of to-day.

On motion adjourned to time and place of our next session. Song, "Blessed be the tie that binds," etc. Prayer offered by Eld. F. M. Osborn. Benediction by the Moderator.

Eld. J. M. Owens, Moderator,
L. D. Lowe, Secretary.

SABBATH.

The stand was occupied by the appointees. Song, "Jesus Lover of my soul." Prayer offered by Eld. Eli Sebastian. First sermon by W. A. J. Fowlkes. Text, Matt. 3 chaper 15th verse. Second sermon by Elder G. W. Miles. Text, Acts, 7 chapter, 37 verse. Third sermon by Elder A. McKnight. Text,

Matt. 11 chapter, 28 verse. At the close of the exercise a farewell handshake was given. A display of the Holy Spirit was felt among us. May God bless and prosper the Primitive Association. Amen. CLERK.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Bethany—J. M. Owens, J. O. Wood, A. Caudill, C. L. Cheek and A. R. Holloway.

Bethel—A. B. Hays, C. P. Gilliam, D. S. Ellege, L. M. Jennings, G. W. Ellege and D. E. Ellege.

Cane Creek—R. M. Huie, W. R. Handy, W. L. Sumate, Wm. Sloop and J. C. Felts.

Center—H. H. Jennings, F. M. Adams, G. G. Elledge, H. E. Harrell and J A. Robinson.

Fair View—S. C. Church, W. L. Wyatt, Wm. McGrady, and L. M. Absher.

Garden Creek—J. M. Brown, Wm. H. Brooks, J. P. Brooks, D. H. Holloway.

Liberty Knobs—J. W. Brooks, Eld. W. Miles, Elder G. W. Miles and H. A. Wood.

Oak Level—J. M. Spicer, D. A. Absher, W. D. Barker, M. W. Cockerham and W. M. Jordan.

Rachel—C. E Dimmette, J. W. Byrd, J. H. Dimmette, W. H. Cothren, Eld. Eli Sebastian.

Roaring River—L. W. Holbrook, M. G. McBride, J. T. Yale, J. M Wood, and G. W. Brown.

Round Hill—L. D. Lowe, J. A. Pruitt, R. C. Corther and T. P. Hanks.

Zion—J. P. Harrold, A. Felts, E. M. Harrold and Wm. Harrold.

For Printing Minutes,	$10.60
To the Moderator	
Clerk's fees	4.00
Total	$14.60

OBITUARIES

T. R. Cockerham was born May 14th, 1853, died June 18, 1909. He

was married to Mary J. Holbrook Jan. 27, I881. Unto this union were born two children, one dying in infancy. He professed a hope in Christ about the year 1886 and joined the church at Roaring River Jan. I, 1894, and lived a consistent member until death. He was ordained as deacon of Roaring River church the 4th Saturday in May 1899, and faithfully performed the duty of deacon as long as he lived. He is missed in the church and around the family fireside, but we believe our loss is his eternal gain. May we all be prepared to meet him in heaven when the summons of death shall come to us.

Wife and children, my life is past,
Your love was dear until the last.
Weep not for me but pity take
And love each other for my sake.
Death breaks the ties of strongest love—
Fill many hearts with grief and pain,
Those that meet in heaven above
Will never; never part again.

Sallie Wood was born Dec. 12th 1835 and died Dec. 2nd, 1908. She was married to M. R. Wood April 10th, 1859. Unto this union were born 9 children, 8 living She professed a hope in Christ and joined the church about the age of 15, and lived a faithful member until death. She was a member of Roaring River Church at the time of her death. She leaves a husband and 8 children to mourn. May husband and children all be prepared to meet her in heaven when the summons of death shall come.

This sudden death brought sorrow so great
The heart of the husband mourned with weight,
But she has gone from all sorrow and strife
To be with Christ and the angels of light,

Edmond T. Boze, was born Feb. 18, 1826, and died Sept. 2nd, 1909, age 83 years, 6 months, 13 days. He was married to Susan Joynes, Sept. 15, 1846; unto this union were born 3 children. All are living and members of the church. He professed a hope in Christ and joined White Planes church May 3, 1869 and later removed his membership to Pleasant Home Church and afterwards removed his membership to Rachel church where he remained till death. In his departure the children loose a good father, the church a good member, and the community one of her best landmarks.

Nancy E. Settle, wife of W. J. Settle whose maiden name was Wagoner was born Oct. 10th, 1850, died Dec. 30th, 1906. She joined the church at Walnut Grove 1870, later removed her membership to Cane Creek and afterward moved her letter to Bethany church, where she remained till death. She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her loss.

Wm. Walker was born Feb. 7th, 1856, died Sept. 26th, 1908. He was married to Rose Ann Harrold. Unto this union were born eight children, all living.

One precious to our heart is gone,
The voice we loved is still,
The place made vacant in our home
Never can be filled.
Our father in his wisdom
His love hath given
Though on earth the body lies
The soul is in heaven

Susan Holbrook, whose maiden name was Woodie, was born Oct. 26th, died April 13, 1909. Was married to W. J. Holbrook March 16, 1854 unto this union was born three children, one dead and two living. She professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined the church at Zion and later removed her msmbership to Dehart and afterwards moved her letter to Cane Creek church where she remainen till death.
She told her children to meet her in heaven.

The golden gates were open
A gentle voice said come
And with a farewell unspoken
She calmly entered home.

Phebe Clerry was born 1857, died Jan. 23rd, 1909. She joined the church at Fair View Oct. 1903. Sister Clery died of cancer in her last days was in great pain and suffering.

Malona S. Billings whose maiden name was Absher was born May 29th, 1889, died March 4th, 1909. She was married to E. W. Billings April 18th, 1908. Unto this union was born one child. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Cane Creek where she remained till death. She leaves a husband, father and mother and sister and a host of friends to mourn her loss. In her last words she told her friends to meet her in heaven.

The time has come, dear papa and mama,
When I must say good-bye
I feel the shadows thickening
The end is drawing nigh

Ezekiel Absher was born October, 1832, died April 23rd, 1908. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Traphill, afterward removed his membership to Round Hill church where he remained till death.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Bethany—J. O. Wood; Clerk—C. L. Cheek, Lomax, N. C.

Bethel—J. N. Brooks, A. B. Hays and W. W. Myers; Clerk—L. M. Jennings, route 1, North Wilkesboro.

Cane Creek—J. W. Walker, J. M. Owens; Clerk—A. Absher, McGrady, N. C.

Center—J. M. Owens, J. O. Wood; Clerk—F. M. Adams, route 1, North Wilkesboro.

Fair View—J. M. Owens, J. O. Wood; Clerk—S. C. Church, Halls Mill, N. C.

Garden Creek—Wm. Miles, G. W. Miles; Clerk—J. M. Brown, Joines, N C

Liberty Knob—Wm. Miles; Clerk—G. W. Miles, Miles, N. C.

Oak Level—Eli Sebastian, J. N. Barker; Clerk—J. M. Spicer, Austin, N. C.

Rachel—Eli Sebastian, J. W. Brooks; Clerk—C. E. Dimmette, route 1, Roaring River.

Roaring River—Eli Sebastian; Clerk—G. W. Brown, Traphill, N. C.

Round Hill—Eli Sebastian, T. M. Lyon; Clerk—L. D. Lowe, Traphill, N. C.

Round Mt.—J. M. Owens, J. C. Ellege; Clerk—H. A. Adams, route 1, North Wilkesboro.

Zion—J. M. Owens; Clerk—Wm. Harrold, Hay Meadow, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Saturday	Rec'd by baptism	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total	By letter	Contribution
Bethany	4	2	0	0	0	3	72	0	1.40
Bethel	3	1	0	0	0	3	57	0	1.10
Cane Creek	3	3	1	0	1	2	45	1	1.00
Center	1	4	0	1	0	0	100	0	2.00
Fair View	2	3	0	0	0	0	40	0	1.25
Garden Creek	1	2	0	2	0	3	34	0	.60
Liberty Knob	3	0	2	0	0	0	43	5	.95
Oak Level	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.85
Rachel	1	0	0	1	1	3	39	1	1.15
Roaring River	4	10	0	2	2	2	84		1.30
Round Hill	2	4	0	1	3	2	107	4	1.10
Round Mt.	1	0	0	0	2	0	82	0	.90
Zion	4	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	1.00